

Villagers and the Village

By THE WANDERER

The days of the "doodle bug" man, that seer of seers who traveled about the land using his boasted wizardry and mysterious instruments to determine mineral wealth beneath the surface, have long since been numbered but, if he actually ever occupied a position of economic importance, he is being pushed out of it by scientifically designed devices. Experts being conducted under the direction of the geological division of the state department of conservation are steps taken to prove the worth of the resistance varimeter, an instrument to measure electrical resistance through different substances, e. g., through different kinds of rock strata. It, after extensive work, the engineers decide its results may be relied upon, the instrument may be of great value in the world of geological science.

Casual observations lead one to believe the Saturday afternoon haircut for children is quite an ancient custom. After young Birmingham is held still in the barber's chair a half hour or so, he goes to the nearest candy store for consolation. This latter appears to consist of a banana split and a huge bag of candy. One villager remarked the other day the only way he could be induced to go to the barber shop when he was a child was with the promise of ice cream as a chaser for the hair cut.

The lights on Woodward avenue burn all night and this seems to some persons as a useless expense to the village. That is incorrect, however, as the terms under which the contract was made with the Detroit Edison company, provide for the all night service without added cost.

After carefully looking around the other day a newspaperman from another city said he believed Birmingham must be the worst community in the world for news. "Don't you people ever go after their neighbors with a gun?" he asked. The answer was No. "Aren't the sly blind pigs here to be raided?" No again. "Well, it's a good thing," said he, "that you have weather."

Among the early signs of spring let us list the peculiar bright gold of the sun which is now noticeable. Also, there are women's straw hats and the other day a little boy asked for marbles in a drug store. Might just as well combine a little optimism with your shivers.

Annual past master's night of the Birmingham lodge No. 442 and A. M. opens at 4 p. m. today in the Masonic Temple. Chief of Police, James Anderson is the candidate to receive the third degree. A banquet is scheduled for 6:30 p. m. with a program in conjunction, those in charge announce.

Editorials in leading papers of the middle west have been advocating the naming of Isle Royale in Lake Superior, as a national park. The director of the national park service who has only recently returned because of ill health, looking over the big island last summer with the thought in mind of recommending it to congress as a national monument. His report was to the effect that

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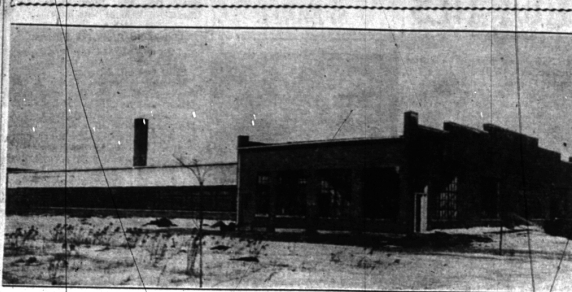
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This factory, which has been moved to Plymouth from Minneapolis, is built to serve the eastern trade and is connected with the Pierre Marquette railroad by a sidetrack.

The National Window Shade company has branch service offices in Birmingham, Detroit, Pontiac, Flint and Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minn.

It was a "Meritorious piece of property" and favored for such purpose.

Sunday's traffic in Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills is reported by police to have been the heaviest this year. "It was almost like a summer Sunday in the Hills," Chief William Putnam said. Despite the heavy traffic there were no accidents.

"I Faw Down and Go Boom" is being taken literally by young villagers. The Wanderer saw two children walking along Woodward avenue chanking the song. Each time upon arriving at the "boom" they would slide on the ice and sit down, and the phrase never seems to lose its fascination.

Did you know there is a public bath house in Birmingham? Neither did this Wanderer until the other night it was disclosed at the informal meeting of the school board and village commission there is one at Baldwin High School. It was provided by Martha Baldwin and is always available to the public. And the strange part of it is, none of the commission seemed to know of this village institution.

All the way from Birmingham England to Birmingham, not Alabama, but Michigan. He was a typical Englishman, selling Lavender sachet and making his rounds in the village. "Birmingham sounds good to me," he said with all the English accent. And the scent of lavender seemed to surround him as he pocketed his coins and started out in search of more Birmingham customers.

DELAY CAUSED IN JITNEY BAN

Circuit Court Ruling On Royal Oak Case Will Postpone Action

The anti-jitney ordinance recently enacted in Royal Oak has been ruled an emergency measure by the circuit court and as such cannot be made effective at once. The decision of Judge Glenn C. Gillespie was given Saturday morning.

Action was brought by the Greater Woodward Rapid Transit company against the City of Royal Oak. The measure will have to be submitted to the people on a referendum for which petitions have been filed.

The transit company has been operating jitneys through Royal Oak from Detroit to points in Oakland County for two years. The ordinance passed by the Royal Oak produced in New York.

REGISTER NOW

An extra effort is being made today by village officials to have persons register for the elections March 11. Out of a possible 3,000 voters, only 1,500 have registered.

The commission points out the following facts: If you have not registered in the village office and on the village books since June 1, 1928, you are not a qualified voter. Registration in the Township does not qualify you to vote in the village.

If you do not register on or before March 2, you will not be eligible to cast your ballot.

March 2 will be registration day in Birmingham and all precincts will be open at that time. Before then, residents may register in the office of Myrtle E. Carson, village clerk, in the municipal building.

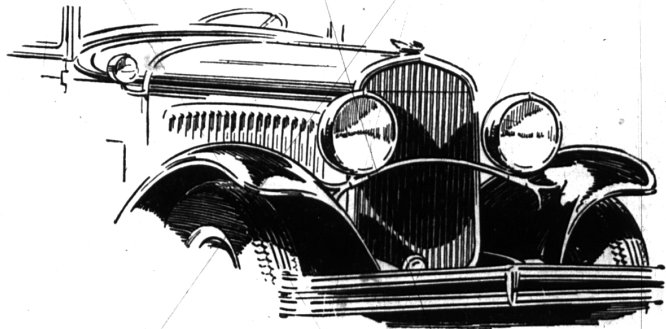
Oak Commission was made effective Feb. 4, and following notification to the company, an injunction suit was filed in circuit court by them.

Nickle-in-the slot machines for vending soda water have been introduced in New York.

John L. Murphy, a convict in the penitentiary at Columbus, O., is said to have earned \$7,000 last year by writing fiction.

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